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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMAN OF 1979 OECD
MINISTERIAL

REF: (A) PARIS 18238 (NOTAL); (B) ANKARA 4387 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH AUSTRIA AND TURKEY ACTIVELY SOUGHT THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE 1979 OECD MINISTERIAL AND REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR
THEIR CANDIDACY. AFTER WE DECIDED TO SUPPORT TURKEY FOR
1979 AND AUSTRIA FOR 1980, TURKEY WITHDREW ITS CANDIDACY
FOLLOWING SEVERAL GOA APPROACHES TO THE GOT AND A
KREISKY-ECEVIT MEETING IN NEW YORK. THE AUSTRIANS HAVE
RENEWED THEIR REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE 1979 MINISTERIAL, INDICATING THAT VICE CHANCELLOR
ANDROSCH WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THE OECD COUNCIL WILL
SELECT A CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE CHAIRMEN FOR THE 1979
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MINISTERIAL IN LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY. AUSTRIA
HAS NEVER CHAIRED THE ANNUAL OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING
(NEITHER HAVE BELGIUM, DENMARK, LUXEMBOURG, FINLAND,
ICELAND, NEW ZEALAND OR TURKEY).

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AUSTRIA FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE 1979 OECD MINISTERIAL WHEN THE MATTER IS CONSIDERED

BY THE OECD COUNCIL, PROBABLY IN DECEMBER 1978 OR JANUARY

1979. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY FOR US TO APPROACH OTHER OECD GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRIAN CANDIDACY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USOECD SHOULD INFORM THE AUSTRIAN OECD DELEGATION AND EMBASSY VIENNA THE GOA OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRIAN CANDIDACY FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE 1979 OECD MINISTERIAL. OTHER ADDRESSEES MAY, IF ASKED, INFORM OTHER OECD GOVERNMENTS OF OUR SUPPORT FOR AUSTRIA.
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